(5) Canoeing & Kayaking (6) Equestrian
(7) Fencing (8) Judo
(9) Table Tennis (10) Weightlifting
(11) Wrestling (12) Gymnastics

(b) Initially, they are engaged for a period of one year. However, in case their services are found suitable, the contract is further extended for one more year.

(c) Yes, Sir. The coaches are being sent for advanced training abroad under the Cultural Exchange Programmes and under the Scheme of Scholarship for training of specialists and outstanding Sportspersons in Sports/Adventure abroad.

Consolidated Sports Calendar

2503. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether is is a fact that various Government Departments/Public Sector Undertakings/Banks/Universities and Schools etc. are organising competitive sporting events on their own initiative;

(b) whether such organisations have representation on the apex bodies of the different sports disciplines;

(c) whether Government will ensure representation of such organisations on apex bodies to facilitate creating national calendar for the competition in various disciplines; and

(d) whether Government will ensure a consolidated sports calendar in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK) :(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) They have representations on the apex bodies of some of the disciplines only.

(c) and (d) The Government is supportive of representation being provided to Public Sector Undertakings/ Universities/Banks/ Government Departments and Schools in the apex bodies of different sport disciplines. Also the Government has issued guidelines to all Apex Bodies to finalise the National Calendar for competitions at the beginning of the year. But ultimately the decision for finalisation of the Calendar lies with the Apex Sports Bodies.

Selection of Disciplines for International Games

2504. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government advises the Indian
Olympic Committee with regard to the disciplines in which the athletes of Indian Team
will participate in International, Asian and Olympic competitions; if so, what is the criterion used by Government;

(b) whether Government have appointed
any Committee to select the disciplines and
participants; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if such a Committee is appointed, what
are the qualifications of the members of the
Selection Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK) :(a) Yes, Sir. The criterion for selection of disciplines is based on the performance of the sportspersons in various international competitions held previously.

(b) The Government has appointed Selection Committees for participants, comprising the following:

(i) Chairman — President of the concerned National Sports Federation/ Association,
(ii) One representative of Indian Olympic Association
(iii) Government nominee
(iv) SAI nominee
(v) concerned National coach

(c) There are no specified qualifications for other members of the Selection Committee. However with regard to Government nominee he should preferably be an Arjuna Awardee or